

Booster Line

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Our Mission Statement-

We, the Members of the Schiller park Fire Department, are dedicated professionals committed to safely serving our community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention, education and emergency services.

Our current reporting period covers the activities that Schiller Park responded to in the last month. The following incidents are the firefighters and paramedics more unique calls. As always Schiller Park members responded to any call for help.

This month we begin on June 16th when Gold shift responded to smoke in the area. Fire Companies arrived and began to canvas the area. During the canvas members found a resident using their fire pit to burn wood.

June 17th had Black shift and a fire alarm going off see fire companies arrive and have a smell of smoke. The fire investigative team found light smoke coming from a 3rd floor apartment. The truck company forced entry into the unit and found a pot of food burning on the stove and no one home. The apartment was ventilated and secured and the Schiller Park Police and owner notified.

Black shift their next shift on the 20th was dispatched to the toll way for an accident. As the crew neared the scene a State Trooper waved them over and stated that it was a person under the car changing a tire and no need for EMS.

B/C Hatcher and Gold shift on the 22nd took in a call for a rollover. On scene they found a vehicle on its side in a water retention area. Further investigation by personnel including our police department had a second vehicle in the marsh area. Our thermal imaging camera was used to verify that no one was in the marshy area. Our ambulance assessed the

patients and treated.

An automatic fire alarm on the 22nd at a storage facility had the crew find a leak in the elevator pit and sump pump caused a faulty alarm as the heat from the motor created steam tripping the alarm.

Next up Gold shift took in a call for a garbage can on fire. Schiller park Police arriving first used their portable extinguisher to control the fire until firefighters arrived. The owner indicated he dumped hot coals from the BBQ into the trash can and it lit the garbage.

Before shift ends, Gold shift is dispatched to a fire alarm at a gas station. MCD notified the responding crew in route that the alarm was due to a patron smoking ion the bathroom setting off the alarm.

After shift change Black shift took in a call on the 23rd for a person locked in their hotel room. Hotel management stated on scene that the lock was broken and the guest could not open the door from the inside nor from the outside. Truck 5 using the "irons" forced the door so the guest could exit. The manager was relieved and would make repairs to the door.

Red shift was called out for a gas leak on the 24th. The owner of the apartment building smelled gas and entered one of the units where she found the oven "ON" with no tenant present. The unit also had water running in the lavatory. Schiller Park Police and Community Development inspectors were called to the scene for follow up.

Their next call this tour of duty had Red shift take in a fire alarm. On scene the fire investigative team found a woman spray painting picture frames in the boiler room setting off the alarm. She was advised not to spray in the boiler room with pilot lights present and that this activity should be done outside in a well ventilated area.

A fire alarm on the 26th had members respond to a manufacturing business. On scene the group of firefighters

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found it was a water flow alarm due to a sprinkler head being knocked off.

Red shift was then sent to a motor vehicle accident. Because our ambulance was on a previous call, a mutual aid ambulance was requested from Franklin Park. On scene the shift found that it was a hit and run accident.

Red shift then was sent to their next call for wires down. Our engine arrived on scene and found a low hanging wire that probably would be snagged if the area not blocked off. Schiller Park Police also responded to cordon off the area. Comcast and AT&T were notified to respond to raise the wires.

After returning to quarters a request for EMS had the engine and ambulance respond. On scene members met the caller who indicated he did not need the fire department but he police department. Through MCD a police officer was called to the location.

June 27th had a call for smoke in the area of a commercial building. A bystander and semi-truck driver both smelled smoke and said it was coming from the roof of a local business. Members arrived and quickly determined it was from a food processor who regularly smoke their products.

Red shift then took in a call for wires down. A downed power line also showed evidence of arcing where it was making contact with the ground. The area was blocked off and a police officer requested to the area to help. Com Ed was notified to come to the location.

Gold shift took in a call for a fire alarm in a day care facility on the 28th. Pulling up to the scene members could see that the children had been evacuated. The fire crew entered and found smoke from a pancake griddle on the second floor set off the alarm. The areas were cleared of smoke and the children allowed to re-enter.

A business undergoing some renovations on the 28th had an

automatic fire alarm initiated. Gold shift responded and during the investigation found a manual pull station activated with no cause. The box was reset and the system restored.

Our fire and EMS crews next took in a medical alert device transmission on the 28th. On location FF/PM Santiago and the crew found the person had accidentally pushed the button for a response.

June 29th had a Black shift response for a smell of smoke at a location. Upon arrival members found a citizen attempting to burn a tree stump in her backyard. Members used her garden hose to put out the fire and advised her to discontinue burning the stump.

"Respond to wires down" was the dispatched call on the 30th for Red shift. Engine 5 responded and found in the alley a wire on the ground. It was determined that the wire was not a power line but a Comcast line. They were notified to make the necessary repairs.

Next up Red shift took in a fire alarm in an apartment building. The engine and truck company checking the building found that burnt popcorn in a microwave set off the detector.

July 1st had Gold shift respond to a car leaking fuel. The gas tank had been punctured when it ran over a piece of metal and pierced the tank. Members used our containment pool to capture the leaking fuel and along with a local tow company placed absorbents in the area. Once the tank was empty the tow company took over and removed the car. Product was transferred to a drum for proper disposal.

Prior to midnight on the 2nd a reported fire in a nightclub had a full response. Enroute dispatched notified Battalion 5 that it was a kitchen fire. Engine and Truck personnel entered the establishment and found a fire in the grease trap in the kitchen. A dry chemical extinguisher put out the fire and it did not spread beyond the kitchen. Both the health department and community development were

notified.

Red shift was asked to respond to a utility pole on fire on July 3rd. Engine 5 found a light haze of smoke emulating from the top of the pole in the rear of the residence. No fire was seen and Com Ed was called because of the high voltage to the scene. Members watched and waited until Com Ed came and made the situation safe for our operations.

Independence Day had a fire alarm response in a six story hotel. Gold shift responded and found a smoke detector activation in the elevator pit. Crews found an overheated motor in the elevator room and the elevator was locked/tagged out until repairs could be made.

A truck snagged overhead wires on July 5th and pulled down the phone and cable wires. No power wires were damaged and Schiller park police offered to stand by.

After picking up MCD sent the engine company to a rubbish fire near a condo building. It ended up being discard charcoal from a BBQ and dumped in the parking lot. A hand pump easily put out the fire.

Before returning to the firehouse members were dispatched to a smell of smoke in the building. A tenant met the firefighters and stated she smelled it in the basement hallway. The crew investigated and found a unit under renovation in the basement.

A multiple vehicle accident July 7th had Schiller Park request a second ambulance from Franklin Park. Truck 5 secured the vehicle and placed absorbents down to stop the spread of leaking fluids. All patients were transported.

July 10th saw Red shift take in a fire alarm where a broken sprinkler head tripped because of the heat from the manufacturing process. B/C Cesaretti put the company on fire watch after the sprinkler system was shut down so that repairs could be made.

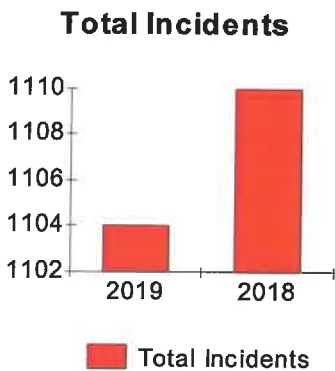
Red shift then responded to the call of a child locked in the car. Engine 5

was able to gain access with no damage and unite mom and child.

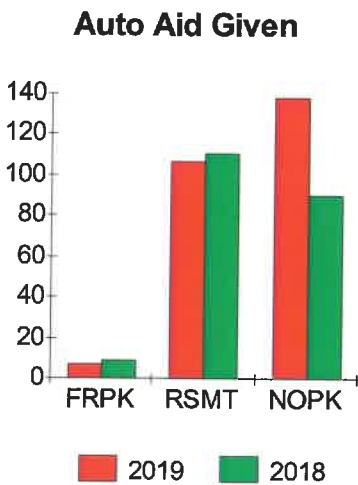
A second call for a child "lock out" was actually for a child sleeping in the apartment and mom locked out. Members gained access and the child never woke up.

Our last call for the reporting period was a brush fire. It had Lt. Leiser request Franklin Park Truck 2 to assist on the 10th. A small area approximately 25 X 5 was extinguished with 150 gallons of water. This is reminiscent of a brush fire from the mid 1900's fought by previous firefighters (see photo).

The following is the total run count compared with the same reporting period from 2018:



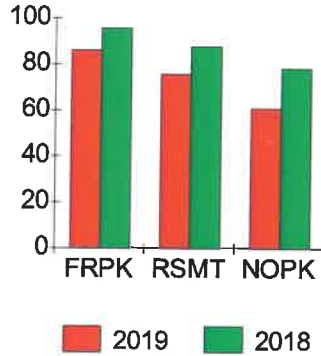
The run summary for Automatic Aid as of June 30th "To":



The run summary for Automatic Aid

as of June 30th "From":

Auto Aid Received



	2019	2018
Total Incidents	1104	1110

Auto Aid to:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	7	9
Norwood Park (NOPK)	138	90
Rosemont (RSMT)	107	111

Auto Aid From:

Franklin Park (FRPK)	86	96
Norwood Park (NOPK)	61	78
Rosemont (RSMT)	76	88

Chief's Corner

We Stagnate When Caution Prevails

July 24th will see the promotion of FF/PM Niemand to Lieutenant. He will be sworn in and have a ceremonial swearing in at the August 15th Village Board meeting. Lt. Budnik will also be re-assigned and given the assignment of Battalion Chief/Commander on Black shift. Please join us at the Village Board meeting.

Two new Standard Operating Guidelines have been issued. They have been placed in the manuals in the Classroom, both Officers room

copies and in the shared drive. They involve a standardized policy for Part-time Paramedics Guidelines/Expectations and Retirement celebrations.

We have re-named effective July 1, 2019 453 from Squad 5 to Engine 6. MCD has been notified.

Our congratulations to FF Appelhans (NOPK) who retired after 24 years this past month. Good luck!

House Bill 2028, which passed the State Senate and House unanimously, became law this past month. It doubles the death benefits for families of first responders killed in the line of duty. They are now eligible for \$20,000, up from \$10,000.

FF/PM Warden will begin light/alternate duty on August 18th due to her pregnancy. She is due in October.

The Schiller Park Police Department will sponsor the National Night Out on Tuesday August 6th from 6:00-9:00 at the pool. The free event will include free swim, hot dogs and refreshments.

The OSFM low interest for the fire truck will be discussed by the Village Board for a final determination.

I have scheduled the 2019-2020 mental Health check-ups and Physicals. PLEASE make sure that you complete the Mental health wellness paperwork and give to Teri ASAP. The medical paperwork will be provided shortly before appointments. Remember these are duty assignments.

The House Fund is low. This is the common fund that all firefighters pay into out of their own pockets for common items like ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, butter etc. Please have your money for full time members (\$60) and part time personnel (\$30) ready as soon as possible for FF/PM Velasco.

Tools / Equipment and Tidbits

A number of items have been worked on this past month.

Tony Califati has worked diligently on preventive maintenance and keeping our vehicles in service and a multitude of other projects for the fire department.

This past month Tony fixed the window and crank on Car 458.

Tony also sent out the seat in Battalion 5 that was torn and the cushion distorted. It was repaired and re-installed.

Tony also repaired the air conditioning on Ambulance 6 this past month.

As a result of a vehicle accident where a piece of metal punctured a fuel tank, we replaced the haz mat pool used in the incident.

Lt. Budnik worked with Meade electric to repair all the Opticom pre-emption devices on our traffic control devices. If you find a malfunctioning intersection notify him immediately.

In the firehouse the odds and ends include-

Placing in service a new checklist and gear added to the TRT bag.

After Lt. Leiser spoke with all three shifts and doing some research, the vindicator nozzle has been removed from 2nd 1/34 inch skid load line on both engines and replaced with a 50 psi 150 gpm Chief Nozzle. The vindicator nozzle is still available for use and will be kept in the engineer's compartment.

EMS Briefs

Just an update on activities within the bureau...

We have hired one new part-time paramedic and Lt. Swiontek and HR

Director Donna Schmidt are in the process of interviewing and hiring several new part time paramedics.

All shifts attended the "Stop the Bleed" class in Franklin Park.

A reminder that Resurrection wants on STEM patients a 12 LEAD which we CAN do. This helps in pre-treatment and in getting the STEM team there going as early as possible in potential stroke cases.

Loyola has updated their website with new versions of forms including drug exchange, ambulance inspection, non-transport vehicle inspection and controlled substance inventory.

Loyola has also made available on its website its new Standing Medical Orders. If you choose to print them they will not have the auto updates. Therefore you would have to download them again to ensure you had the most current copy.

The status of Westlake Hospital is in the courts. If you have a request to go to Westlake or if it is the nearest appropriate hospital contact Loyola Medical Control for further instructions.

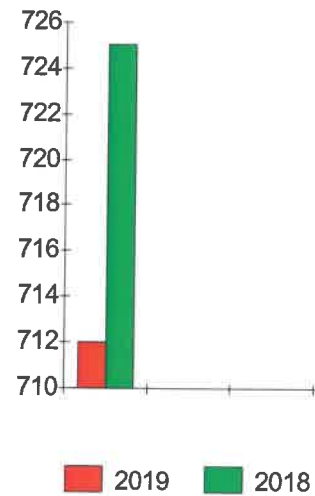
When exchanging or retrieving drugs from the hospitals, check and verify the dosages. With different manufactures and packaging we must make sure that the correct dosages are picked up.

During the past month personnel responded to 125 emergency calls. A total of 102 patients were encountered. 69 patients were transported to area hospitals.

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Responses	125	712
ALS Transports	44	265
BLS Transports	25	142
Refusals/MPR's	27	149
Other Non-Transports	3	33
Fire Responses	26	123
CPR Students taught	0	107

Car Seats Installed	0	3
Mut. Aid to SHPK	4	36
SHPK to others	10	36

EMS Total Responses



Projects in the Works

All the shifts are encouraged to take on new challenges. If you have a project or an idea, please pass it on to your Officers.

What's in the works? –

- Convex mirror for side driveway
- New interior lights at station 6
- Additional outlets at station 6
- Emergency phone outside sta. 6
- paint apparatus floor border
- Paint sta.6 floor
- sprinkler simulator
- New high-rise load packing tool
- Receive Division 20 asset
- new rear exterior service door
- new water hose reel on apparatus floor
- plaque for department ceremonial bell

Trivia

Answer to last month's Trivia

June Trivia

What were San Francisco Tank wagons?

These were used in San Francisco and were vehicles that had soda acid tanks and booster reels. These were replaced in 1958 with triple combination vehicles that had a booster tank, reel and pump.

No correct answers were submitted.

July Trivia

Tank wagons were re-organized as what type of companies?

Please submit your answers in writing to the *Booster Line* to be eligible for the prizes. Winners will be selected randomly from all correct entries.

Office of the State Fire Marshal and Training

Failure to Train is Training to Fail

The training division has been active in defining and charting a course for our department.

FF/PM Dehmlow, FF/PM Loch, FF/PM Jackson and FF/PM Santiago all participated in swift water training.

All members participated in the Down and Dirty Hydraulics class in Franklin Park. This was a free class through the Fire Service Institute and the State Fire Marshal Cornerstone program.

NICOR presented a gas safety refresher course this past month to all our personnel.

As mentioned above all shifts

attended the Stop the Bleed program for trauma. This is a class based on military protocol for incidents.

Chief Chiodo re-certified as a fire investigator through the State Fire Marshal.

Many of the OSFM classes will require continuing education. Please review if any certification you hold requires Con Ed. If you would like to be certified in the future also check what the requirements will be. The OSFM is reviewing the required con ed in all areas.

All members are reminded that we have a large chunk of credit at Triton College for classes for our firefighters. This was in exchange for our donation of engine 456. Please consider taking classes and earning your Associate degree at the minimum.

The State Fire Marshal is transitioning to computer based testing. Twenty-five state written examinations will be available with this new process. As certification programs are revised to the updated NFPA standards, more examinations will become available. As with most of the revised programs, continuing education hours or points accompany the certification. Please talk to Lt. Leiser for complete information and requirements.

The State Fire Marshal has partnered again with the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Any class that the Institute gives will have the end of class test count as the State certification exam. Other agencies delivering classes will NOT have the same privilege. You will need to take a separate State test. See Lt. Leiser.

Members completed 262 hours of training for the month with 20 training drills. This includes outside classes.

Totals:	Month	Hrs	Year	Hrs
Drills/ Classes	20	262	158	2222

B/C Cesaretti is also authorized by the State to administer exams. As a proctor he must give the State notice and obtain the secure exams. Therefore you cannot approach him and expect to be given an exam on a short notice.

Please fill the Outside Training Form on Target Solutions whenever you attend a class, seminar or training session outside of Schiller Park. This allows for accurate record keeping in those areas and credit for the hours you put into training.

Signing up for tests is considered a Duty Assignment. If you can't attend see me in advance and provide a written response for the absence.

Employee of the Month

This month we acknowledge as our Employee of the Month B/C Cesaretti and B/C Hatcher.

Both of the Battalion Chiefs have worked 4 and 3 double 48 hour shifts this past month in order to ensure that an Officer is present each day.

This was due to B/C Leiser using up his acquired time off and vacation/personnel days already scheduled for the summer.

We are extremely grateful for them doubling up during peak vacation times to help out the department in a pinch and provide experienced leadership and mentoring to Lieutenants and Acting Officers.

For stepping up during this time, we name them our Employee of the Month.

Thanks for your time and dedication, you make us proud to be firefighters and in the fire service and village employees.

If you would like to nominate a firefighter, paramedic, officer or other persons for recognition, please submit the action or the incident in writing to the editor Chief Chiodo.

Fire Prevention

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Shifts have started the 3rd Quarter of calendar year 2019 with their inspections. Each shift has 1/3 of the inspections or about 135 per shift. The inspections were rotated so that over a three-year period each shift should have the opportunity to enter all the businesses.

The Village has hired a new Building Official scheduled to start July 24th along with a part-time inspector. We look forward with working with our Stuart and catching him up on projects and charting a joint course for the future.

We will be working this year with the Village Administration and Community Development on the possibility of adopting and updating new Codes.

Community Development and the Fire Department are working on many significant new development projects that will be coming or moving into town. With this progression we are taxing the bureau and any help that can be given to B/C Hatcher would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for members to go to advance training for Fire Prevention and Inspection/Inspector.

Our fire prevention bureau conducted acceptance tests of new installed fire alarm systems and approved Business Regulation Certificate Data Sheets.

B/C Hatcher addressed the Trouble Alarms from the past month from both the end user and Midwest Central Dispatch.

B/C Hatcher also reviewed all the fire alarm and sprinkler system inspection reports.

When checking sprinkler/standpipe connections please see that it is a storz fitting. If they have not complied with our request to change the connection, please advise that we may be able to hook up to that system. Any questions can be referred to Chief Chiodo.

We are looking to bolster and strengthen our fire inspectional program. We are looking for our members to take the Inspector I certification program. All new firefighters will be required to take this class.

ISO has changed their grading system and now will give credit for Fire Prevention and Inspections. As part of this area of grading we will need to have continuing education for our inspectors.

Any member wishing to attend the monthly meeting of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association should contact B/C Hatcher.

Community Engagement

Saving Lives Through Education

During the Summer months we are evaluating our plans, budget and offerings for the coming year. We are already looking at Fire Prevention Month and in particular Fire Prevention Week capped off with an Open House.

We are also looking at the preliminary preparations for the Patriot Day remembrance on 9/11 along with the other memorials that will be held that day.

We witnessed the Wounded Warrior Bike Ride through town and honored our Veterans.

We continue to provide fire extinguisher demonstrations and CPR classes for residents and businesses in town. We also offer car seat installations. Both these programs are administered by FF/PM Bubis and appointments are

necessary for planning and materials.

Please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for other fire department fundraisers in the area.

Retiree Row

While not a retiree, Mike Sexton (part-time paramedic and retired Park Ridge firefighter) stopped in this past month. Mike retired as a firefighter 13 years ago from Park Ridge and last worked in Schiller Park in 1993. He was impressed at all the work that the firefighters have done over the years to change and improve the working and living conditions in the firehouse.

Please drop a line as to how any of our retirees are doing. This is an opportunity to let others know what you are doing and how you are doing. Please email to Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.

Letters and Notes

We received several notes and thanks you's this past month. They include:

A thank you note was received from the Setzer family (Tina Setzer Library Director) for attending the wake of her mother who passed away recently. The prayers and thoughts meant a lot to the family.

Foreign Fire Insurance

The Foreign Fire Insurance is looking at potential new purchase items that will be voted on.

Emergency Mgmt.

After FF/PM Niemand's promotion to Lieutenant, he will take over the role of Emergency Management.

Adam is already working on NIMS,

Association News

The 100 Club of Chicago is the chosen charity for the Association fundraiser event in 2019, the charity provides assistance to members of area fire and police departments who are killed in the line of duty. A Top Golf charity event will be held June 21st. A donation of \$60 will include three hours of golf and food.

And Finally...

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

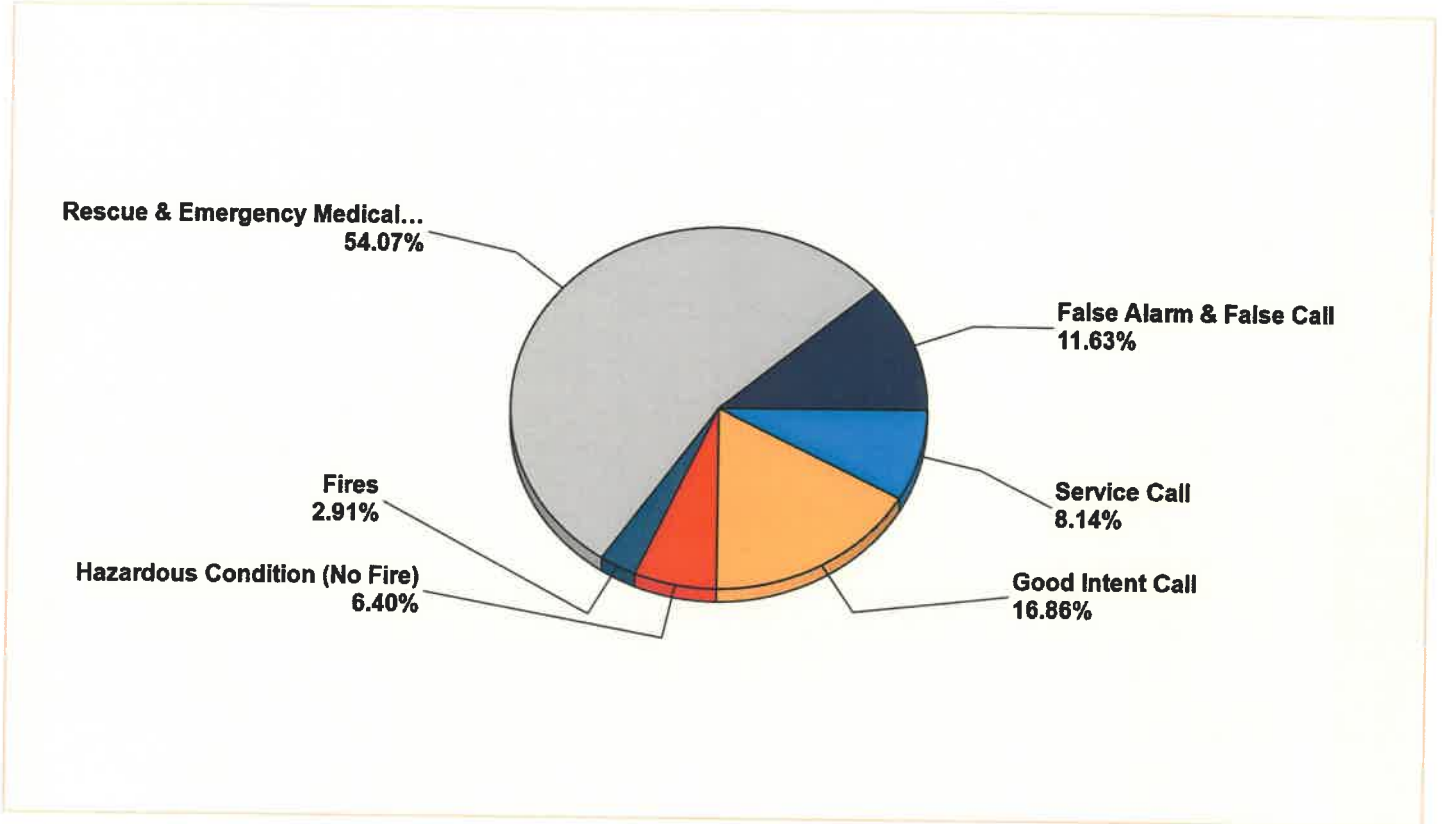
Deadlines

he Booster Line is published monthly. All articles and suggestions are welcome. The Editor, Peter Chiodo reserves the right to edit based on content and space availability. Please submit all materials, articles, ideas and photos to the Booster Line c/o Chief Chiodo at pchiodo@schillerparkil.us.



Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 06/01/2019 | End Date: 06/30/2019



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	5	2.91%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	93	54.07%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	11	6.40%
Service Call	14	8.14%
Good Intent Call	29	16.86%
False Alarm & False Call	20	11.63%
TOTAL	172	100.00%



